

## NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD Ashley Heights Site 7408 Rock Street, North Charleston, South Carolina

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on a proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract through January 6, 2015.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 14-6312-NRP, will affect approximately 0.3 acres identified by Tax Map Serial Number 484-14-00-045. Sunoco, Inc. (R&M) ["Sunoco (R&M)"] wants to buy the property from its current owners. This Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and Sunoco (R&M).

The Property is located in the Ashley Heights subdivision and is approximately 200 feet north of the intersection of Ashley Phosphate Road and Rock Street, which is to the west. Residential properties are to the north and east. A towing company is located on the property to the south that fronts Ashley Phosphate Road. The Property was a residential parcel until a fire incident in August 2012 damaged the dwelling. The property has remained vacant since that time.

Sunoco (R&M) intends to acquire the Property and develop this Property, along with adjacent parcels, as a convenience store with fuel offering under an overhead canopy. If this Voluntary Cleanup Contract is implemented, DHEC will allow Sunoco (R&M) to acquire the property as a "Brownfields Site" because of the potential for environmental pollution. Sunoco (R&M) did not create the pollution, but will take steps to control it to keep the property safe for re-use.

DHEC will not hold Sunoco (R&M) responsible for the pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under State law, Sunoco (R&M) will not be responsible if anyone is affected by the contamination. Entering into this contract does not reduce the responsibility of any former owners or operators of the site.

Under the proposed contract, Sunoco (R&M) will test soil and groundwater from the property. If significant contamination is found, Sunoco (R&M) will be required to take additional steps to protect human health and the environment.

DHEC uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to return Brownfield sites to productive reuse. The proposed contract is available at <a href="http://www.scdhec.gov/Apps/Environment/PublicNotices">http://www.scdhec.gov/Apps/Environment/PublicNotices</a>. Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

The public may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract through January 6, 2015. Questions or comments may be directed to Jo Cherie Overcash, Project Manager, email <a href="OvercaJC@dhec.sc.gov">OvercaJC@dhec.sc.gov</a>, telephone (803) 898-0924, or Alex Fulmer, email <a href="FulmerWA@dhec.sc.gov">FulmerWA@dhec.sc.gov</a> or TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to either individual at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.